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SUBJ: ASYLUM REQUEST: ETHIOPIAN ROYAL FAMILY

REF: A. ADDIS ABABA 4412, B. STATE 169657, C. NAIROBI 9134

1. DURING LUNCH-TIME RECEPTION TODAY, CANADIAN CHARGE TOOK ME ASIDE TO RELAY INFORMATION FROM A DUTCH WOMAN WHO FOLLOWS FORTUNES OF ROYAL FAMILY CLOSELY AND WHO WAS AWARE OF COLLINS' EARLIER DESIRE TO EXFILTRATE CHILDREN, THAT SEVEN OF FAMILY CHILDREN HAVE BEEN MISSING SINCE LAST WEEK. MOST ARE CHILDREN OF PRINCESS IDJIGAYEHU WHO DIED LAST SPRING. PRESENT WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN. DUTCH SOURCE ALSO REPORTS THAT COLLINS AND FOUR CHILDREN HE HAS BEEN TAKING CARE OF ARE NOT AT HOME AND "NERVOUS SERVANTS" ARE SAYING THEY ARE IN SODERE NEAR NAZARETH (SOUTHEAST OF ADDIS ABOUT 90 MINUTES AWAY).

2. I THANKED CANADIAN FOR INFO, SAID WE HAPPENED TO BE LOOKING FOR COLLINS AS WELL FOR ANOTHER REASON AND UNDERSTOOD HE WAS IN COUNTRYSIDE, BUT MADE NO FURTHER COMMENT. WORD, HOWEVER, IS OBVIOUSLY BEGINNING GET AROUND AND WE CAN ASSUME THAT ETHIOPIANS ARE EITHER ALREADY AWARE OF
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SITUATION, OR WILL BE SOON, AND WE CAN EXPECT THAT THEY WILL ASSUME CONNECTION BETWEEN COLLINS AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE DISAPPEARED. WHILE WE ARE PLEASED WITH DEPT'S POSITION PER STATE 169657, NEED FOR SECRECY, AT LEAST REGARDING COLLINS' ROLE IN WHOLE AFFAIR, IS STILL IMPERATIVE IN OUR JUDGMENT. INCIDENTALLY, IF COLLINS LEFT HERE ILLEGALLY, HE TOO MAY HAVE ENTERED KENYA

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